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**FCC SPACE BUREAU KICKS OFF TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE FOR
SATELLITE APPLICANTS AND NEW ENTRANTS**

***Releases First Applicant Guides, Announces In-Person and Online ‘Open House,’ and
Establishes New Webpage for Applicant Resources***

WASHINGTON, October 23, 2023—The FCC’s Space Bureau today announced the first steps in its transparency initiative for satellite applicants. The transparency initiative will provide user-friendly information and guidance to interested parties about the Commission’s procedures and what is needed to obtain authorization for satellite and earth station operations.

“The space economy is growing at a pace we haven’t seen in decades. Making sure everyone understands how to be a part of that growth is a crucial part of maintaining U.S. leadership, and increasing competition in the space sector benefits us all,” **said FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel.**

The Space Bureau’s transparency initiative aims to provide resources to support industry engagement with the Commission. Part of this effort will include answers to frequently asked questions, including those about the Commission’s Part 25 space and earth station licensing processes and timelines, orbital debris, and Special Temporary Authority (STA) applications. The Bureau plans to regularly post and update applicant guides and other explanatory documents, which will be available at <https://www.fcc.gov/space/transparency-initiative>. The first such document was posted earlier today, providing guidance on space station license processes, terms, and costs.

In addition, the **Space Bureau is seeking questions for it to address in its November 1 Open House.** The Open House will start at 10:30 am ET as an in-person and online event. During this time, Bureau staff will kick off the transparency initiative with a presentation of the guidance documents released thus far, and a roadmap for the initiative over the coming weeks and months. To foster a productive Open House, the Bureau staff respectfully asks interested parties to register and submit questions in advance by sending them to: satinfo@fcc.gov. Registration information for the Open House will be available at <https://www.fcc.gov/news-events/events/2023/11/transparency-initiative-open-house>.

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